

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
March 26, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on March 26, 2019, at 5:37 p.m. with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Roman Meyers, Rory Wiebel, Sandra Fleckenstein and Loren Hoffman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Matt Siders, City Administrator Chris Nosbisch and Gretchen Reeh-Robinson.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Poduska asked to move the Director's Report after the discussion regarding the Doggie Waste Stations. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Meyer to approve agenda as amended. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from February 19, 2019. Motion made by Fleckenstein, seconded by Wiebel to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Discussion regarding donation of Doggie Waste Stations – Gretchen Reeh-Robinson and Diana Crowley. Gretchen Reeh-Robinson was in attendance to seek approval for the City to install waste stations that would be purchased by herself and Diana Crowley along the walking path that goes from Nature Park, through the skate park area and to Elliott Park. These waste stations would be similar to what is already at the dog park. The budget that they were wanting to stay within is \$300. Siders said the waste stations at the dog park have a garbage receptacle in them and suggested getting input from the Public Works Department about having a garbage receptacle in the new waste stations as well. Siders will proceed with talking to Public Works and taking to the City Administrator to proceed.
5. Directors Report - February 15, 2019 to March 15, 2019. The pool drains have been inspected and brought up to compliance. This is the largest spring soccer season the City has had with approximately 220 kids registered. The Easter Egg Dash will be April 20th at the school track. In case of inclement weather it will be moved to the middle school gym. Uptown spring clean-up will be held the Saturday before Chalk the Walk on April 27th. Siders is working with area Eagle Scouts on community projects. Restrooms will be opened in the next few days. Siders is working with Linn County Extension and their 4-H program on summer camps. Registration forms for all ball programs will be available next week.
6. Update and discussion regarding Lester Buersh Community Wellness Center. Siders shared what he has been working on at the wellness center. Some of the major tasks he sees in order to get the center up and running are programming

ideas, annual rates, rentals and the hiring of a Rec Coordinator. There may be additional funds available for items that are not included in the building cost. Siders went over some must-have items as well as a wish list where these funds could be spent. Must have items include: Music license, portable hoops, washer/dryer, towels, shelving/storage units, facility management software, pitching machines, floor scrubber, snowblower. Wants include: I-wall, T-wall, outdoor musical instruments, golf nets for cages. Siders also went over the proposed fitness equipment and options for buying or leasing. City Administrator, Chris Nosbisch, discussed the current fundraising group becoming a 501c3 advisory committee.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding membership types and rates for Wellness Center. Hoffman would like to keep the rates simple and have them be for the use of the facility only and no additional programs. Additional programs or classes would be an added cost with discounts given to members. Siders said he envisioned having a membership fee for facility use that would also include fitness classes at scheduled times that you have the opportunity to take. Non-members and leagues would pay a separate fee and there would be set time frames open to members for certain activities and different times for rentals. There was also discussion on having something available for after school activities and having a corporate rate for larger groups. Rates will be broken down and payable in monthly, quarterly, yearly paid in full and yearly monthly ACH installments. Siders will revise the proposed rate sheet and bring back to the next meeting for review.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding rental rates at Wellness Center. No discussion.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the allowance or development of a 501c3 to take over from the LBFCWC fundraising committee. Previously discussed in item #6.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding rental of Nancy Doreen Huffman Dog Park for June birthday party. Someone wants to rent the entire dog park for a duration of time for a birthday party and the entire dog park would be shut down during this period. The board was not in favor of shutting down the entire dog park for rentals.
11. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
12. Old Business.

13. New Business. The theme of Chalk the Walk will be Woodstock's 50th anniversary as well as a piece by an artist from the Ukraine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m., March 26, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk